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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/008,963	Applicant(s) IBANESCU ET AL.	
	Examiner Dung (Michael) T Nguyen	Art Unit 2828	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.


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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9-11, 13, 15-17, 20, 21 and 23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8, 12, 14, 18, 19, 22 and 24-44 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9-11, 13, 15-17, 20-21, 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

  
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**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.  
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____  |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-7, 9-11, 15-17, 20-21, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schimpe (US4743083).

With respect to claims 1-2, 4-5, and 20-21, Schimpe shows in Fig.16A-16B an optical component comprising a dielectric waveguide extending along a longitudinal axis and having a refractive index cross-section perpendicular to the longitudinal axis to support an EM mode (col.5, l.49-55) wherein the cross-section comprises an inner region including a high index region surrounded by at least one lower index region and an outer region comprising a series of concentric layers.

With respect to claims 3 and 9, Schimpe shows in Fig.16A-16B the higher index region in the inner region is a core.

With respect to claims 6-7, Schimpe discloses a Bragg reflector (col.1, l.26).

With respect to claims 10-11 and 15, Schimpe shows in Fig.16A-16B the inner dielectric region comprises at least two lower index regions surrounding the core and at least one additional higher index region separating the lower index regions and the refractive index of the core is the same as that of the higher index region separating the lower index regions.

With respect to claims 16-17, Schimpe shows in Fig.16A-16B the core has a circular cross section.

With respect to claim 23, Schimpe discloses the wavelength of 1.55  $\mu\text{m}$  (col.22, l.7-8).

#### **Citation of The Pertinent References**

The following US patents are being made of record, even though they were not relied upon in this Office action, for being similar in subject matter, and may be relied upon in any future Office Actions: 2002/0081055, 6400496, 6151429, 5774221, 5677920, and 5237576.

#### **Communication Information**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung (Michael) T Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-7159. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 17:00.

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 306-5511 for regular communications and (703) 306-5511 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-3329.

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